

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

STORY/ART BY SUNGDAE OH

KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY: PART 1

AT THE HEART OF
ANCIENT EGYPTIAN
SOCIETY AND CULTURE
WAS THE KING.



THE PHARAOH,
A WORD TAKEN FROM
THE GREEK FORM OF
PERO OR PER-A-A.

WHICH
WAS THE EGYPTIAN
DESIGNATION FOR
THE ROYAL RESIDENCE.

THE KING WAS
THOUGHT TO BE DIVINE,
A GOD-MAN, THE OFFSPRING
OF A HUMAN MOTHER
AND A DEITY.

HE WAS EXPECTED TO
ASCEND INTO THE ETERNAL
WORLD OF THE GODS AFTER
HIS DEATH AND TO LIVE
THERE FOREVER.





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COSMOLOGY OF
THE ANCIENT
EGYPTIANS,

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AS MANY OF YOU
ALREADY KNOW FROM
THE RECENT REPORTS,

THE SUPERNATURAL
'KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY'
RITUAL HAS BEEN GAINING
POPULARITY RECENTLY.

THE SPELL INVOLVES
ENCHANTING A BOOK,
ENTERING A DREAM WORLD,
AND TAKING A CERTAIN TEST.



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE
KNOWN TO HAVE ALREADY
ATTEMPTED THE RITUAL.

THE MAIN REASON
THAT THIS RITUAL HAS
BECOME SUCH A HOT
SOCIAL ISSUE



RIVEIRU'S LIBRARY

IS THAT PEOPLE DO
NOT AWAKEN FROM
THE DREAM IF THEY
FAIL TO PASS THE TEST.



THERE ARE CURRENTLY
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
ACROSS THE COUNTRY
WHO ARE STILL ASLEEP.

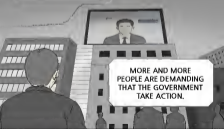
THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO
WERE LURED BY THE IDEA
OF ENDLESS KNOWLEDGE
IN THIS LIBRARY BUT
FAILED THE TEST.

THOSE WHO PASS THE TEST
ALLEGEDLY GAIN THE
ACCUMULATED KNOWLEDGE
OF ALL OF THE BOOKS
IN 'KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY.'



AND ARE SAID TO BE
ABLE TO WAKE UP ALL OF
THOSE WHO ARE ASLEEP.

THE SITUATION HAS
GONE BEYOND SIMPLY
THE 'OCCULT...'



MORE AND MORE
PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING
THAT THE GOVERNMENT
TAKE ACTION.

WITH NO ONE
HAVING PASSED THE TEST
IN A WHILE, THE CURRENT
AMOUNT OF ACCUMULATED
KNOWLEDGE IS SAID TO BE
AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.



ANYONE WHO PASSES THE TEST
WILL GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE
THAN EVER BEFORE, AS WELL AS
BECOMING A HERO WHO AWAKENS
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

THIS SITUATION
REMINDS ONE OF
GETTING A WINNING
TICKET IN THE LOTTERY.



MANY PEOPLE ARE
INTENSELY CURIOUS
TO SEE WHO WILL
SUCCEED...





WELCOME TO
ROUND NINE
OF KIVEIRU.
EVERYONE.

kiveiru

THE THIRTY
PEOPLE WHO ARE
HERE TODAY,



HAVE ALL PASSED
THE ONLINE SCREENING
AND INITIAL INTERVIEW.

THE FINAL PARTICIPANT
WILL BE SELECTED AFTER
A MONTH OF TRAINING
AND TESTING,



BASED ON YOUR
PERFORMANCE, THE FINAL
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
CAN BE NONE OR
EVERYONE,


THERE IS A REWARD
OF THREE BILLION WON
ATTACHED,



BUT IT IS MORE LIKE
A STRUGGLE WITH YOURSELF
THAN A COMPETITION WITH
THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS SO
FOCUS ON IMPROVING YOUR
OWN ABILITIES.

ALTHOUGH YOU ALL
ALREADY KNOW ABOUT IT,
I WILL BRIEFLY EXPLAIN
"KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY"
ONCE MORE.





CENTURIES AGO,
THERE WAS A SCHOLAR WHO
EXCELLED IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS,
FROM THE HUMANITIES TO
SORCERY AND ASTROLOGY.

HE WAS ACTIVE UNDER
THE NAME OF 'KIVEIRU'
AND HE RECEIVED
RESPECT AND SUPPORT
FROM MANY PEOPLE.

BUT
AS HIS INFLUENCE
GREW STRONGER,
THE RULERS OF
THE NATION BEGAN
TO RESENT HIM.



ULTIMATELY,
KIVEIRU WAS FRAMED
WITH A CHARGE OF
TREASON AND LOCKED UP
IN AN UNDERGROUND
PRISON.

HE SPENT THE REST
OF HIS LIFE DOWN IN THAT
DAMP AND DARK CELL
WITHOUT SEEING SO MUCH
AS A SINGLE RAY OF
SUNLIGHT.



THE SPELL THAT
HE LEFT THERE FOR
THE WORLD WAS
"KMEIRU'S LIBRARY."

THEY SAY IT WAS
IN ORDER TO CREATE
ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY
PERSON LIKE HIMSELF.

THAT WAS
A BRIEF SUMMARY
OF THE ORIGIN OF
'KIVEIRU'S LIBRARY.'



NEXT I WILL
EXPLAIN HOW
THE SPELL
WORKS.

**YOU NEED
A SINGLE BOOK
FOR THE SPELL.**



**ONCE YOU CAST
THE SPELL ON THE BOOK
WITH YOUR OWN BLOOD,
YOU IMMEDIATELY FALL ASLEEP,
AND YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS
ENTERS THE SPIRITUAL REALM
OF KVEIRU'S LIBRARY.**



**IF YOU STICK THAT
BOOK IN THE BOOKSHELF,
YOU CAN EXCHANGE IT
FOR ANOTHER BOOK,**

**BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE
A RANDOM BOOK FROM
THE LIBRARY, REGARDLESS
OF WHAT YOU WANT.**

AND YOU HAVE
TO READ THE BOOK OUT
LOUD IN FRONT OF
THE SUPERVISOR.



YOU HAVE TO READ
EVERY LAST WORD
OF IT. FROM START
TO FINISH.



IF YOU SUCCEED,
YOU WILL OBTAIN ALL
OF THE KNOWLEDGE
IN THAT BOOK.

IF YOU MAKE
A MISTAKE WITH EVEN
A SINGLE LETTER, YOU ARE
PUNISHED BY SPENDING
THE REST OF YOUR
LIFE ASLEEP.

THE ONLY WAY
TO WAKE PEOPLE UP WHO
HAVE FAILED THE TEST IS
TO WAIT FOR SOMEONE
TO PASS THE TEST.



IF EVEN A SINGLE
PERSON PASSES THE TEST,
EVERYONE WHO IS ASLEEP
WILL AWAKEN.

A person is kneeling in prayer on a dark surface. Above them is a large, glowing, semi-transparent sphere. Inside the sphere, there are faint, ethereal images of people in various states of distress or suffering. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the glowing orb.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THESE
RULES THAT PEOPLE THINK:
"IT'S GREAT IF I PASS, AND
EVEN IF I FAIL, SOMEONE
WILL WAKE ME UP."

THIS IS WHY A LOT
OF PEOPLE RUSH INTO IT
UNPREPARED, LIKE MOTHS
TO A FLAME.

IN PARTICULAR,
A LOT OF STUDENTS
STUDYING FOR
EXAMS CHALLENGE
THIS RITUAL,



AND THIS
HAS EMERGED
AS A FORMIDABLE
SOCIAL ISSUE FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT
IS RUNNING THIS
'KIVEIRU PROJECT'
IN AN ATTEMPT TO
RESCUE THEM.



FROM ROUNDS
ONE THROUGH EIGHT,
ONLY ONE PERSON
SUCCEEDED FROM
ROUND THREE.



BUT OVER HALF OF
THE PARTICIPANTS THIS
TIME ARE FROM THE FIELDS
OF BROADCASTING
AND EDUCATION.



YOU COULD SAY THAT
YOU ARE ALL MORE
SKILLED AT SPEAKING
THAN ANYONE.

SO WE ARE
DEPENDING ON ALL OF
YOU PARTICIPANTS IN
ROUND NINE MORE THAN
EVER BEFORE.



ALRIGHT,
STARTING NOW.

YOU CANNOT
MAKE A SINGLE
MISTAKE,...



IN ANY ONE
OF THESE BOOKS.

To be continued..



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